

- 10 (c) adding the numerical values assigned in step (b) for each respective
11 grouping to obtain a total value for each grouping;
- 12 (d) accessing the database from the users computer;
- 13 (e) requesting a grouping, after accessing the database in step (d), by
14 providing objective and subjective characteristics for the requested grouping from
15 the users computer;
- 16 (f) searching the database for groupings in response to the objective and
17 subjective characteristics provided in step (e); and
- 18 (g) providing to the users computer at least one grouping that equals or
19 exceeds the total value obtained in step (c).

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1 41. (Newly Added) In a system including a users computer accessing a
2 remote database using a communications network, a method of obtaining at least
3 one cooking recipe from the database comprising the steps of:

- 4 (a) storing a plurality of cooking recipes in the database, each recipe having
5 (1) objective characteristics including ingredients and cooking time, and (2)
6 subjective characteristics including degree of easiness in making the recipe;
- 7 (b) assigning a numerical value for each objective and subjective
8 characteristic of a respective recipe;
- 9 (c) adding the numerical values assigned in step (b) for each respective
10 recipe to obtain a total numerical value for each recipe;
- 11 (d) accessing the database from the users computer;
- 12 (e) requesting a recipe, after accessing the database in step (d), by
13 providing objective and subjective characteristics for the requested recipe from the
14 users computer;

15 (f) searching the database for recipes in response to the objective and
16 subjective characteristics provided in step (e); and

17 (g) providing to the users computer at least one recipe that equals or
18 exceeds the total numerical value obtained in step (c).

1 42. (Newly Added) The method of claim 41 in which

2 step (a) includes storing at least one recipe in the database provided from
3 the users computer after accessing the database in step (d); and

4 step (f) includes searching the database for recipes after determining that
5 the users computer has provided at least one recipe in step (a).

1 43. (Newly Added) The method of claim 42 further including the steps: of:

2 (h) counting each recipe provided by the users computer for storage in the
3 database in step (a) and accumulating the count in the database; and

4 (i) accumulating a count for each request for a recipe in step (e); and

5 step (f) includes searching the database for recipes only if a ratio between
6 the accumulated count of step (i) and the accumulated count of step (h) is greater
7 than a predetermined value.

1 44. (Newly Added) The method of claim 41 further including the step of:

2 (h) storing in the database objective characteristics and subjective
3 characteristics provided from the users computer; and

4 step (e) includes requesting a recipe by providing at least one objective
5 characteristic for the requested recipe from the users computer, and

6 step (f) includes searching the database for recipes in response to the
 7 objective characteristic provided in step (e) and in response to the objective and
 8 subjective characteristics stored in the database in step (h).

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